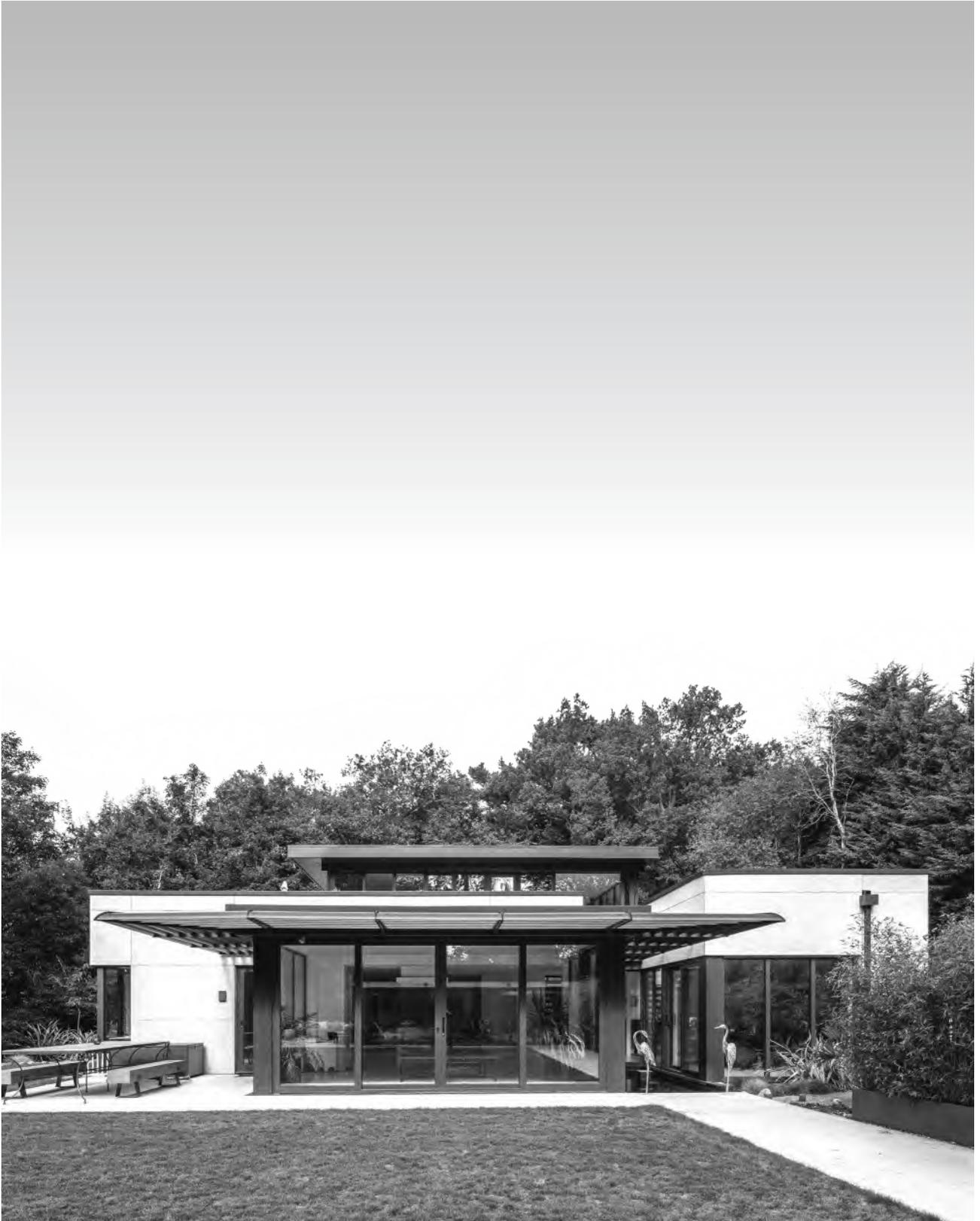


# OXFORD ARCHITECTS

## PRACTICE PROFILE



*Oxford*

*Bristol*

*Cambridge*

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## Introduction

Established in 1962, Oxford Architects has over six decades of experience designing thoughtful, high-quality buildings across the UK. With studios in Oxford, Bristol and Cambridge, our work spans a broad range of sectors and building types, underpinned by a commitment to design excellence, technical clarity and long-term value.

We believe architecture is not simply the act of building, but the shaping of environments that support, inspire and endure.

## Who We Are

Oxford Architects is an RIBA Chartered Practice with studios in Oxford, Bristol and Cambridge. Established over six decades ago, we are a team of architects and designers united by a clear purpose: to create buildings that are thoughtful, enduring and responsive to the needs of people and place.

We believe good architecture begins with listening. Every project is a dialogue: with the client, the brief, the site and the wider context. Our approach is collaborative, precise and rooted in the belief that design has the power to shape meaningful experiences.

We work across all sectors, but our focus is consistent: clarity of intent, sensitivity to context and a commitment to delivering buildings that work — beautifully, efficiently and sustainably.

Above all, we take pride in designing spaces that are built to last, easy to use and a pleasure to inhabit.

## Our Approach

At Oxford Architects, every project begins with a conversation. We listen carefully to understand our client's needs, aspirations and constraints, and tailor our response to each context with care, precision and creativity.

We believe that good architecture is built on collaboration. Our design process is open and iterative — shaped by dialogue with clients, consultants and stakeholders. We test ideas, challenge assumptions and value feedback, working together to find solutions that are practical, elegant and enduring.

Each project is guided by a clear framework that supports flexibility and design excellence. We apply robust design protocols, regular technical and peer reviews, and fully integrated quality control systems to ensure clarity at every stage. Our ISO-accredited project management structure supports this approach, providing consistency across all our studios.

We are skilled in managing complex briefs across all sectors and building types. Whether working on sensitive sites, constrained urban plots or long-term masterplans, our approach remains consistent: thoughtful, adaptable and grounded in real-world delivery.

Digital technologies play an important role in our process. We use BIM to support coordination and decision-making from early design through to construction. This enhances transparency, accuracy and long-term performance across the life of the building.

Ultimately, we design buildings that are shaped by purpose, context and people. We see architecture not as a fixed product, but as a process of making — one that is responsive, collaborative and always moving forward.

## Our Values

At Oxford Architects, we understand that the impact of architecture extends beyond the boundaries of a site. Our work has the power to influence the environment, the communities we serve and the wider social landscape. We take this responsibility seriously.

We have been ISO 14001 accredited since 2010, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to environmental responsibility. This accreditation underpins our day-to-day operations, from how we manage energy and waste in our studios to how we reduce the environmental footprint of our projects. As part of our 'race-to-zero' initiative, we are committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions across our business by 2040.

Where appropriate, we incorporate retrofit and re-use strategies into our design thinking, helping clients optimise existing buildings to meet contemporary standards. We work collaboratively to align project outcomes with long-term sustainability goals, considering energy performance, efficiency and environmental impact at every stage. We

also regularly engage stakeholders to ensure that proposals reflect local needs and values.

We recognise that good design contributes to wellbeing, inclusion and civic identity. Many of our projects aim to create meaningful public benefit — improving access, supporting community use or revitalising underused spaces. We believe this is where architecture has its greatest social value.

Beyond the projects themselves, we contribute to the profession and the wider community through structured work experience, outreach programmes and partnerships with schools and universities. We actively support local employment through our regional studios and take part in volunteering, mentoring and charitable initiatives across the practice.

Oxford Architects is committed to making a positive contribution — environmentally, socially and professionally. Our ambition is to deliver work that is not only architecturally rigorous, but also ethically responsible and socially relevant.

## Accreditations

Oxford Architects holds a range of industry-recognised certifications and memberships, including ISO 9001 and 14001, CHAS, RISQS, Cyber Essentials Plus and Constructionline. These accreditations reflect our commitment to quality, sustainability and security across all aspects of our work.



## Oxford Studio

Since 1983, Oxford Architects has been based at Bagley Croft in South Hinksey — a distinguished Edwardian villa set within five acres of landscaped grounds just outside the city. Built in 1896 and rich in history, the building reflects the ethos of our practice: grounded in tradition, enriched by creativity, and deeply connected to place.

Bagley Croft has a remarkable past. Following the First World War, it became The Scholar Gypsy School — a progressive boarding school founded by Dr Leyton. In the Second World War, it was requisitioned first by the Army Works Office and later by the BBC Research Department, whose engineers developed early television and radio technologies on site. Our studios now occupy the former dormitories, and the

building retains many of its original features, from ornate plasterwork and stained glass to period fireplaces and a grand staircase.

We relocated here in the early 1980s after more than two decades in central Oxford, seeking a more sustainable and spacious base for our growing team. Today, Bagley Croft is also home to planning consultants JPPC and landscape architects Gillespies, offering a collaborative, multidisciplinary working environment.

With direct access to the Oxford ring road, excellent parking and a tranquil setting, the studio provides a unique blend of accessibility and calm — a place of reflection, creativity and daily inspiration.

## A Network of Studios

Oxford Architects operates as a unified practice across our three studios in Oxford, Bristol and Cambridge. While Bagley Croft remains our head office, our regional presence ensures we remain close to clients and projects throughout the UK.

Our Bristol office, opened in 2001, has become a key part of our practice — delivering major projects across the South West and Wales and building long-standing relationships with local authorities, developers and institutions.

In 2025, we launched our Cambridge studio to support our growing portfolio in the East of England and to strengthen our relationships with key academic, research and science partners in the region. Each studio is led by sector-specialist architects and supported by a shared technical infrastructure, enabling seamless collaboration and consistent delivery across the practice.

The Scholar Gypsy School historic photos with modern re-interpretations beneath.



Dining Hall



Class Room



Crafts Room



Sleeping Balcony

Oxford Architects delivers projects across seven sectors: *Residential, Education, Commercial, Science & Tech, Healthcare, Transport, and Community*. Within each, we work across a wide range of subsectors; from private homes and affordable housing, to mental health facilities, schools, and university campuses. Our breadth of expertise allows us to approach each project with insight, flexibility and a deep understanding of sector-specific requirements. Whether designing a bespoke private residence, planning a large hospital redevelopment, or shaping a new educational masterplan, we bring the same rigour and commitment to every brief.



## *Residential*

From one-off homes to complex mixed-use developments, we design residential environments that are contextual, efficient and enduring.



## *Education*

We create places for learning, from world-class universities to specialist schools, tailored to nurture growth, identity and inclusion.



## *Commercial*

Our commercial buildings shape the daily experience of work. We deliver high-performance workplaces that are flexible, people-centred and future-ready.



## *Science & Technology*

We design for the UK's innovation economy, producing advanced research, laboratory and cleanroom environments for science-led clients.



## *Healthcare*

With over 30 years' experience in complex care environments, we create healthcare settings that prioritise safety, dignity and therapeutic impact.



## *Community*

Our community buildings foster belonging and resilience, designed to support diverse uses and evolving public needs over time.



## *Transport*

From refurbishing historic stations to designing modern interchanges, we shape infrastructure that supports connectivity and movement.



From intimate rural retreats to ambitious urban masterplans, Oxford Architects approaches residential design with the fundamental belief that good housing should support individuals and strengthen communities. Our portfolio spans bespoke one-off homes tailored to specific lifestyles and aspirations, through to large-scale developments and strategic housing schemes that respond to contemporary living patterns and demographic shifts.

Each project begins with deep contextual understanding—whether urban, rural, or historic—ensuring every home feels genuinely rooted in its setting. We design contemporary townhouses that enliven city streets, family homes that nurture growing households, and curated housing schemes that create lasting neighbourhoods with genuine character and community focus. Our extensive work in the affordable housing sector demonstrates how practical constraints and regulatory requirements can inspire imaginative solutions that exceed both client expectations and policy standards while delivering genuine social value.

Sustainability drives our design process from project inception, integrated as a core design principle rather than an afterthought. We seamlessly incorporate Modern Methods of Construction, Passivhaus principles, and carefully selected low-impact materials to create homes that are energy-efficient, future-proof, and environmentally responsible.

Every design decision prioritizes occupant wellbeing, long-term liveability, and enduring value—recognising that successful residential architecture must perform across generations while adapting to changing needs and lifestyles.

Our established relationships with local authorities and comprehensive planning expertise enable us to unlock challenging sites and secure complex consents for both private clients and national developers. We understand the intricate balance between design ambition and planning reality, consistently achieving approvals for innovative schemes that might initially appear unfeasible. Through collaborative partnerships with clients, specialist consultants, and experienced contractors, we ensure each scheme achieves exceptional standards of design quality, technical performance, and construction delivery.

The result is residential architecture shaped by design vision, technical depth, and profound contextual sensitivity—homes that function beautifully, respond to their surroundings, and genuinely enrich the daily lives of those who inhabit them. Whether creating a single family home or reimagining entire neighbourhoods, we remain committed to architecture that enhances human experience.

## *Private Residential*

We have a large portfolio of work illustrating exciting and innovative houses for individual clients. From modest to exemplary in scale, we aim to achieve the design aspirations of our clients and marry these harmoniously through function and form into the intricate setting that each individual site offers.

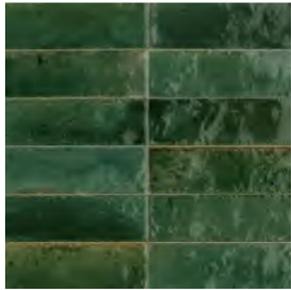
The opportunity to design a single dwelling for an individual or family is a significant responsibility that is undertaken with great care and consideration. The input that drives the design is always complex but the outcome from this, in our experience, is always truly rewarding.



### The Language of Materials

A home is more than shelter; it is a dialogue between material, light, and time. Each element is chosen with intention—grounding the building in its surroundings, embracing authenticity, and ensuring longevity. Natural stone, responsibly sourced timber, and hand-crafted brick are selected not just for their beauty but for their connection to place, their ability to age gracefully, and their low environmental impact.

Where possible, working with local suppliers supports artisans whose craft adds depth and character to each project. A home built from its own landscape—its stone, its clay, its timber—feels rooted, as if it has always belonged. Thoughtful material selection transforms architecture into storytelling, crafting homes that are not only built to last but to be loved for generations.



Cawsand tile



Yarrow tile



Ashlar stone



Charred wood





## *Traditional Homes*

Traditional architecture requires mastery of historic proportions, materials, and craftsmanship combined with contemporary performance standards. The Cotswold Estate (pictured) demonstrates our expertise in creating new traditional architecture—a seven-bedroom Georgian-inspired manor house constructed using modern sustainable building methods while employing traditional craftsmanship and local materials.

Situated within Green Belt and Conservation Area constraints, the design carefully complements its Oxfordshire countryside setting through classically proportioned façades and refined detailing that reflect regional architectural heritage. Large, strategically positioned openings maximise natural light and panoramic views, ensuring strong connections between home and rural landscape. The accompanying detached garage, designed as a traditional stable block in matching ashlar stone, provides secure housing for the client's luxury vehicle collection.

Our traditional homes prove that historic architectural languages remain relevant and beautiful when executed with authentic understanding of proportion, detail, and materials. We create buildings that feel genuinely rooted in their time and place while delivering exceptional contemporary living standards.



## *Rural Homes*

Rural architecture requires profound understanding of vernacular traditions and landscape integration. At Fyfield Manor, we designed a flexible ancillary building to support an 11th-century Grade II\* listed house, creating contemporary accommodation that complements rather than mimics existing structures. The design bridges existing buildings to complete a courtyard setting, with its prominent roof clad in black metal profile sheeting that references local agricultural buildings while providing crisp, low-maintenance detailing.

Our approach to rural homes recognises that these properties must work harder—supporting both daily life and the ongoing stewardship of historic buildings and landscapes. We create architecture that respects rural vernacular while embracing contemporary construction methods and lifestyle needs.

The building houses double carport, garage, workshop, office, and studio spaces essential for maintaining a historic rural estate. Its scale and form directly respond to surrounding buildings, demonstrating how contemporary design can honour rural character while meeting modern functional requirements.

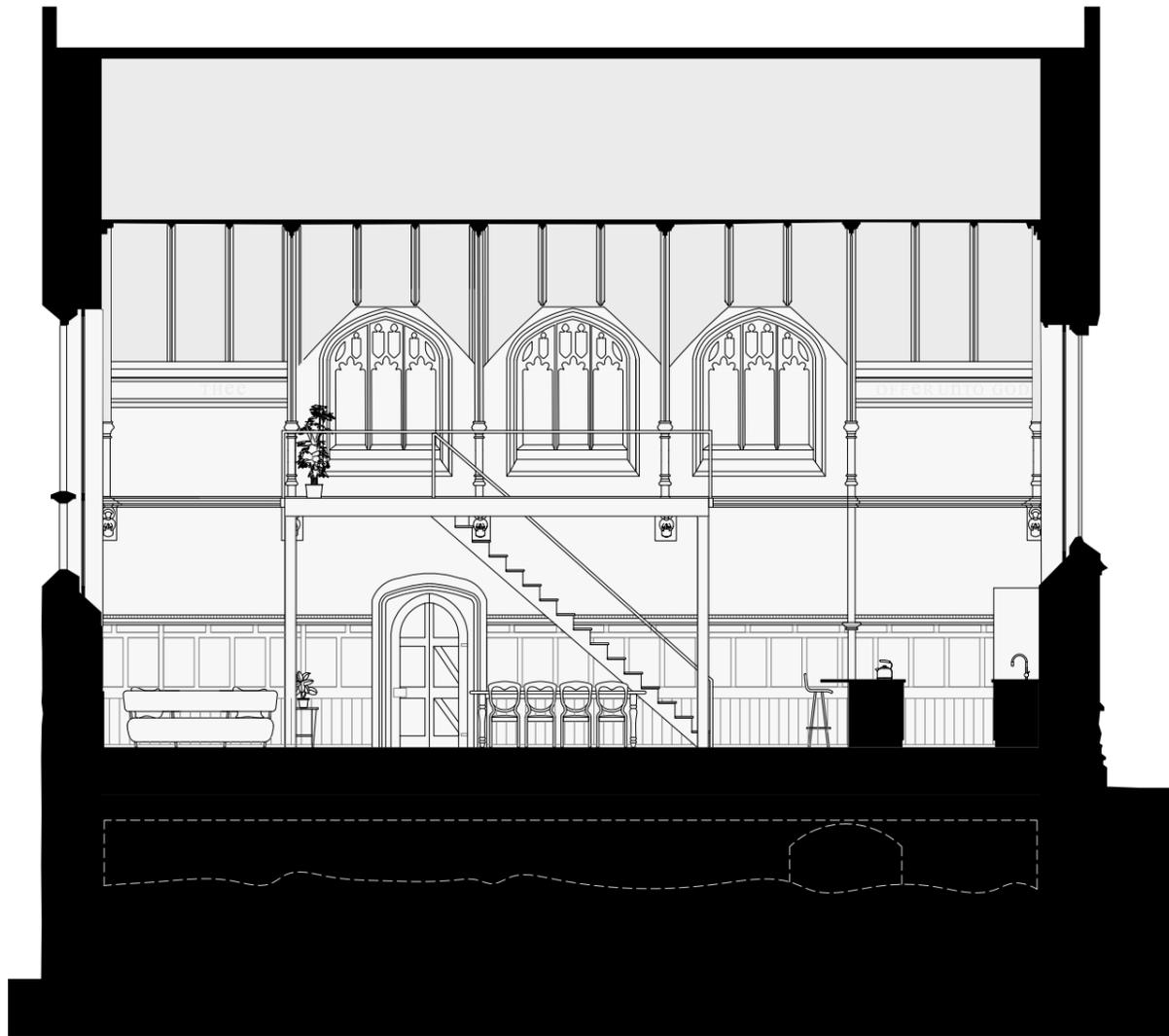
## *Contemporary Homes*

Our contemporary residential projects embrace innovative design while remaining deeply rooted in their contexts. Forest View (pictured to the right) exemplifies this approach—a sophisticated high-end extension in Oxfordshire that seamlessly integrates contemporary intervention with environmental sensitivity. The scheme features a subterranean garage and gym embedded into sloping terrain, with a glazed display space creating striking views of the client's collection while maintaining visual connection to surrounding woodland.

Our Woodland Retreat project on the edge of Oxford demonstrates how contemporary design can maximise site potential—replacing a 1960s dwelling with a six-bedroom home featuring fully glazed kitchen areas and reflection pools that blur boundaries between interior and exterior space.

These projects reflect our commitment to contemporary architecture that enhances lifestyle while respecting natural settings, delivering refined solutions that balance innovation with contextual awareness.





## Refurbishments

Oxford Architects brings careful consideration to residential refurbishment, balancing respect for historic fabric with the practical needs of contemporary living. We believe successful heritage refurbishment requires thoughtful intervention—preserving and restoring original features while introducing modern elements that enhance functionality without compromising architectural integrity.

We address fundamental building pathology, replacing inappropriate materials with breathable traditional systems and treating structural decay to ensure long-term building health. The challenge lies in accommodating

modern living within historic spatial configurations through open-plan areas, contemporary kitchens, and flexible spaces that respect original proportions.

At Barstaple House (pictured), these principles transformed a neglected Grade II\* listed Chapel into a three-bedroom contemporary home, demonstrating how sensitive refurbishment can revive derelict heritage buildings as exceptional modern residences.

## Private Developments

Oxford Architects works with developers and housing providers on residential schemes from intimate infill developments to substantial communities of 200+ units. Our experience spans challenging urban sites through to greenfield opportunities, addressing complex planning constraints while achieving the density, typology, and tenure mixes essential for scheme viability.

We maintain involvement from initial feasibility through planning approval, technical design, and construction delivery. Whether delivering a small bespoke scheme or creating an entire new neighbourhood, we understand the commercial realities of residential development and work collaboratively to achieve successful outcomes.



## Affordable Housing

Through strong partnerships with housing providers throughout the UK, we deliver new communities that meet diverse social housing needs. Our portfolio spans new build and refurbished affordable housing for rent and shared ownership, family housing and apartments, single-person accommodation and hostels, sheltered housing, and care in the community facilities.

Sustainable design drives our affordable housing approach. We adopt a 'fabric first' methodology combined with Modern Methods of Construction to create highly insulated buildings with low embodied energy and high thermal mass. After careful site analysis establishes optimum orientation, footprint, and massing, we prioritize building envelope performance to minimize heating requirements while delivering excellent acoustic and thermal comfort.

Our designs integrate renewable energy sources where appropriate, reducing operational costs and extending building lifespan—critical considerations for affordable housing where long-term running costs significantly impact tenant wellbeing and scheme viability. We understand that sustainable design in the affordable sector isn't merely an environmental imperative—it's an economic and social responsibility.

As technologies evolve, we continuously explore how innovative materials and construction methods can generate more appropriate housing typologies. This commitment to research and development ensures our affordable housing schemes remain at the forefront of performance standards, delivering genuine social value through buildings that are economical to run, comfortable to inhabit, and built to last.

We approach every affordable housing project with the understanding that these homes fundamentally shape lives and communities.

Our aim is to deliver architecture that provides dignity, comfort, and long-term value—ensuring that affordable housing means quality housing.



Hedgerow and shrub planting buffer

## Education

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We bring extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise to the design and delivery of educational buildings, from schools to universities. Our portfolio spans a wide range of educational environments, including special needs schools, Nursery and Primary schools, Secondary and Sixth Form facilities, as well as both refurbishment and new-build projects. Whether utilising traditional or innovative procurement methods, we ensure every project is delivered successfully, meeting the specific needs of our clients.

Our involvement begins at the strategic level with site masterplanning and development control plans for schools. We have experience in a full spectrum of educational facilities, including classrooms, laboratories, performing arts spaces, sports halls, learning resource centres, IT suites, dining areas, and more. Each space we design is carefully crafted to inspire and facilitate learning, with a focus on flexibility to accommodate changing needs.

We are proud to have worked with a range of esteemed clients, including The University of Oxford and its colleges, The University of Bristol, St Hugh's School in Carswell, and Summer Fields School in Oxford. With these projects, we've created environments that foster academic achievement, collaboration, and personal growth, while ensuring that the design of each building complements its educational mission.

In the university sector, our focus is on creating spaces that not only meet the immediate needs of the campus but also encourage long-term innovation and understanding. Whether for research laboratories, teaching spaces, or student accommodation, we design with the goal of fostering collaborative, flexible environments that support both students and staff in their academic pursuits.

Educational buildings must evolve alongside the needs of students and the rapid advances in technology. At Oxford Architects, we understand the importance of creating spaces that are both adaptable and inspiring, supporting creativity, well-being, and the academic success of everyone who uses them. Our designs are built with the future in mind, ensuring that they continue to serve and inspire generations to come.

Above all, our approach to education design is centred on collaboration. We work closely with each client, engaging with all stakeholders to ensure the final design reflects the unique vision and goals of the institution. Through ongoing dialogue, we create spaces that not only support educational outcomes but also contribute to a positive, dynamic atmosphere that enhances the learning experience for all.

# University of Oxford

## Building Oxford's Future, Honouring Its Past

For over sixty years, Oxford Architects has contributed to the University of Oxford's architectural evolution, balancing respect for its nine-century heritage with innovative responses to contemporary needs.

Our relationship began in 1964 with Balliol College's student accommodation scheme, a building that still stands as testament to its enduring quality. Former Partner Geoffrey Beard's 1986 music room for Corpus Christi College exemplifies our approach: contemporary architecture that enhances rather than competes with Oxford's historic fabric. At St Cross College, our 1991 south wing extension demonstrated seamless integration within Oxford's collegiate environment.

The Dorothy Hodgkin Building at Somerville College (1990) housed the Margaret Thatcher Centre, reflecting the evolving aspirations of Oxford's pioneering women's colleges. From St Anne's College (2016) to our ongoing St Catherine's College RAAC Replacement project, we continue addressing modern challenges while maintaining architectural excellence.

Our enduring relationship with Oxford reflects deep understanding of this extraordinary institution. Each college possesses distinct identity and traditions, requiring bespoke solutions that honour individual character while serving collective purposes.

The projects illustrated here represent our continuing contribution to an institution that shapes minds and changes the world. We remain honoured to create spaces where future generations will discover and debate within Oxford's timeless academic community.

Balliol College



1964

Somerville College



1990

St Cross College



1993

Hertford College



2001

St Catherine's College



2025



## *St Catherine's College*

St Catherine's College stands as one of Britain's most significant modernist masterpieces—Arne Jacobsen's Grade I listed 1960s campus represents a complete architectural vision where every element was meticulously designed. When Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) was identified in roof structures across 8,074m<sup>2</sup> of the original buildings, the College faced the complex challenge of remediating this material while preserving the integrity of Jacobsen's design.

We are working with the College to address RAAC across the Kitchen, Dining Hall, Junior and Senior Common Rooms, Administration Block, Wolfson Library, Bernard Sunley Building, and accommodation blocks. The remediation programme requires exceptional sensitivity—these aren't simply listed buildings requiring repair, but internationally significant examples of mid-century modernism where architectural authenticity is paramount.

Following approval of Planning and Listed Building Consent by Oxford City Council in 2024, construction works commenced in early 2025 with contractor Beard.

The phased approach prioritizes central facilities—Kitchen, Common Rooms, Dining Hall, Library, and Bernard Sunley Building—ensuring the College can maintain operations while safeguarding these critical spaces.

This project exemplifies the technical and heritage challenges inherent in maintaining post-war modernist architecture. The work requires balancing structural necessity with conservation philosophy, ensuring remediation preserves Jacobsen's vision while guaranteeing long-term building safety and demonstrating how careful intervention can extend the life of irreplaceable modernist heritage for future generations.



*Over 8000sqm of RAAC - bigger than a full sized football pitch*

# University of Bristol

## Shaping Bristol's Academic Future

Oxford Architects has established a strong partnership with the University of Bristol, one of the UK's leading research universities and a founding member of the prestigious Russell Group. Founded in 1909, Bristol consistently ranks among the top universities globally.

Our work demonstrates our ability to enhance both historic and contemporary university environments. At the H.H. Wills Physics Laboratory (2013), we sensitively upgraded the 1960s extension of this listed building within Tyndall's Park Conservation Area, including new curtain walling and enhanced thermal performance while respecting its prominent hilltop location.

The Centre for Innovation in the Richmond Building (2017) exemplifies our understanding of modern pedagogical needs, creating flexible teaching and research spaces to support Bristol's innovative Joint Honours programme across eleven degree courses. Our expertise in transforming existing spaces is evident at 33 Colston Street (2017), where we rebuilt student accommodation following severe fire damage, enhancing facilities with en-suite bathrooms and improved social spaces.

At One Cathedral Square (2018), we delivered a complete Cat B fit-out across 2,500sqm, accommodating 320 staff in Bristol's city centre. The Indoor Sports Centre project increased gym capacity by 30% while creating transparent façades that advertise activities to the campus community. At 31 Great George Street (2017), we delivered 3,600sqm of prestigious open-plan offices overlooking Brandon Hill for 360 university staff.

These projects reflect our deep understanding of Bristol's growth plans and commitment to student-focused facilities within one of Britain's most vibrant academic communities.



H.H. Wills  
Physics Laboratory

2013



31 Great  
George Street

2017



33 Colston Street

2017



Centre for Innovation

2017



One Cathedral Square

2018



## St Hugh's School

A distinguished independent school set within a Grade II listed Oxfordshire estate, providing inspiring education for children aged 3-13. The school was awarded Best Prep School 2024 by Tatler.

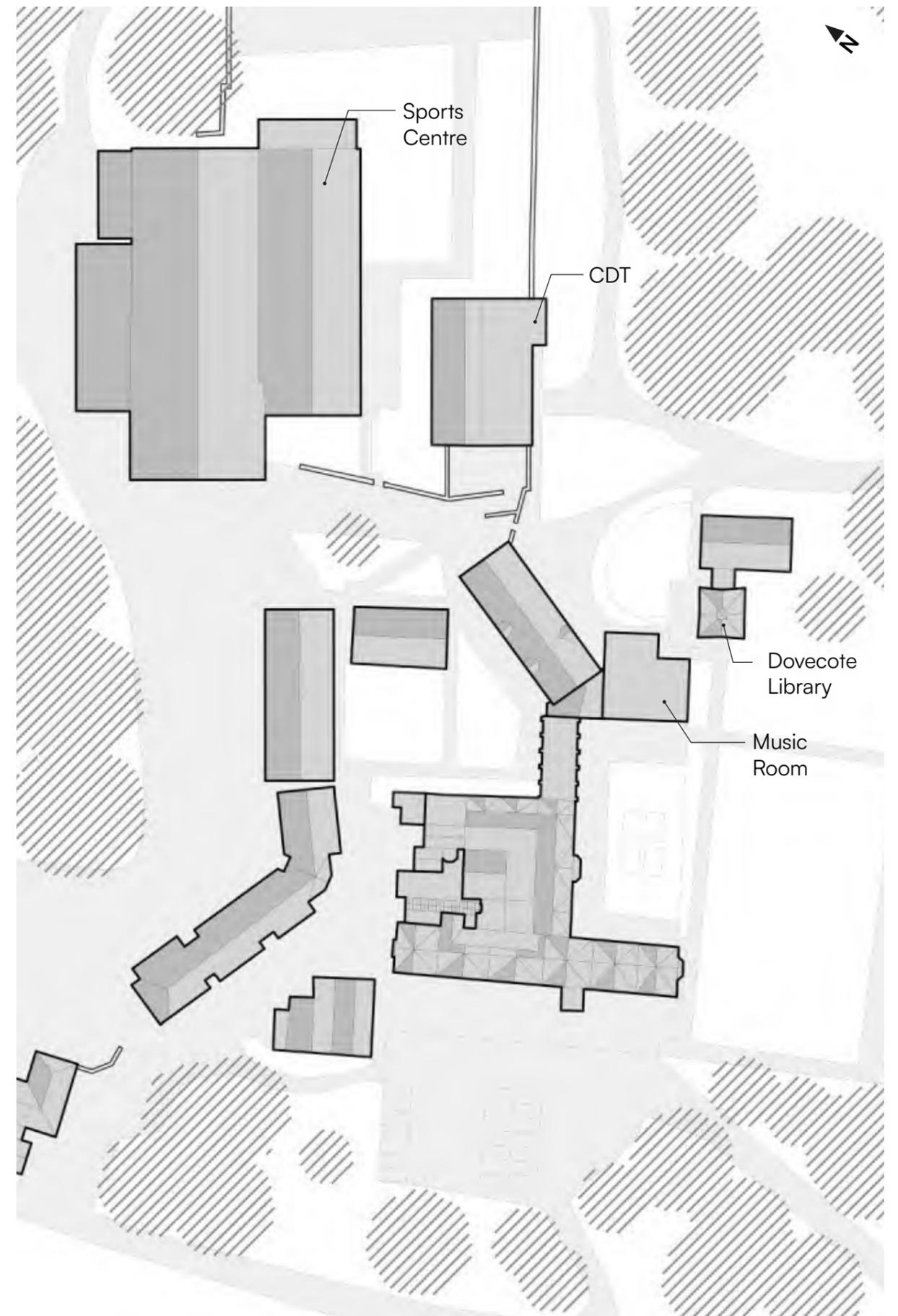
We have developed a close partnership with St Hugh's, delivering thoughtfully designed facilities that enhance educational opportunities while respecting the school's historic setting.

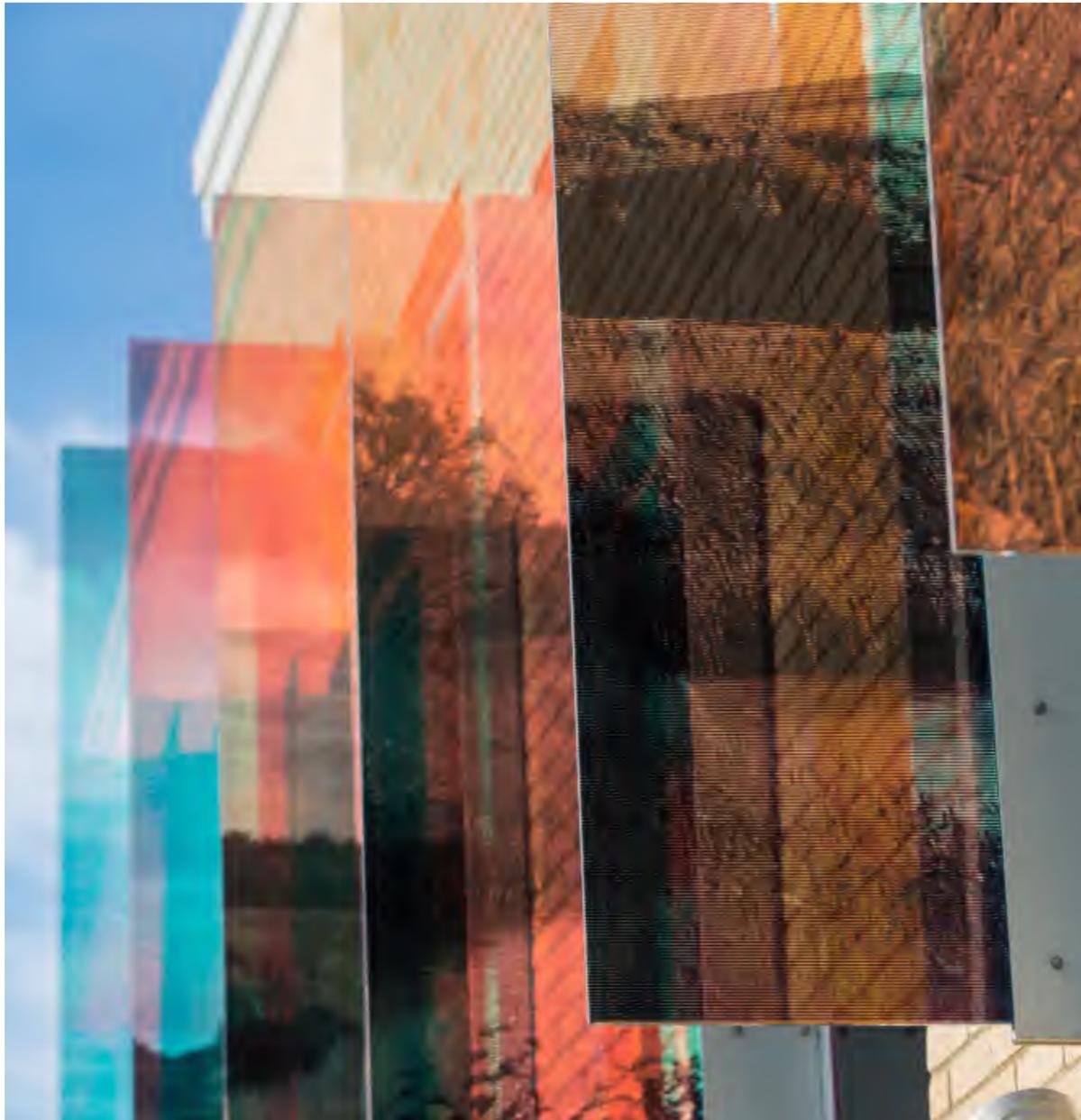
The Dovecote Library (2018) represents our most significant contribution—transforming the unused Grade II listed Dovecote into a vibrant library with lightweight mezzanine and

sympathetic extension. Natural oak cladding and a memorial garden courtyard create an inspiring learning environment that preserves historic character.

The Sports Hall and Pool project (2020) delivered a new indoor pool and changing facilities using local stone and timber cladding to complement the listed setting. Additional projects include the CDT Building (2010) and Music Room (2015).

These projects demonstrate our understanding of independent education's evolving needs while honouring architectural heritage.





Oxford Architects creates exceptional community buildings that serve as the beating heart of the spaces they inhabit. Our comprehensive approach guides projects from initial brief through to successful delivery, offering masterplanning, design development, visualisation, and detailed production information that ensures smooth transitions to competitive procurement and construction.

Every community is unique, with its own character, needs, and aspirations. Our process begins with deep listening—understanding not just functional requirements but the culture, values, and dreams of the people we serve. Through extensive stakeholder engagement and carefully facilitated workshops, we ensure every voice shapes the design outcome, creating buildings that truly reflect their communities.

Community buildings must work harder than any other building type. They accommodate everything from intimate meetings to large celebrations, children’s activities to adult learning, quiet reflection to energetic performance. Our designs embrace this complexity, creating adaptable spaces that respond to changing needs throughout the day, week, and seasons. Flexibility isn’t just desirable—it’s essential for spaces that must serve diverse user groups and evolving community requirements.

Our strength lies in bringing fresh perspectives from across sectors—applying insights from education, heritage, and commercial projects

to solve community challenges in unexpected ways. This cross-pollination of ideas often unlocks innovative solutions that extend far beyond conventional approaches. We don’t just design buildings; we craft environments that can adapt, grow, and evolve with their communities.

We foster collaborative environments where ideas flourish through ongoing dialogue. Our established relationships with clients across the UK demonstrate our commitment to partnership over transaction, building trust through transparent communication and shared problem-solving. The result is buildings that don’t just meet briefs—they exceed expectations and reflect the collective aspirations of those they serve.

Through rigorous consultation, creative design thinking, and unwavering attention to detail, we create dynamic environments that foster connection, creativity, and belonging. These aren’t just community buildings—they’re catalysts for social cohesion, platforms for local identity, and foundations for stronger communities that can thrive for generations.



## Fairfield Residential Care Home

Set within North Oxford's Conservation Area, Fairfield Residential Care Home demonstrates how contemporary care architecture can honour both context and dignity. This new facility provides purpose-designed accommodation for residents with an average age of 93, recognising that our most senior community members deserve environments crafted specifically for their needs.

The architectural concept embraces a pavilion strategy, breaking down the building's scale

into intimate residential clusters connected by glazed links. Timber colonnades provide essential shading and privacy to resident rooms while creating a rhythm that speaks to both comfort and architectural sophistication. This human-scaled approach ensures the 38-room facility feels more like connected homes than institutional accommodation.

Located adjacent to an existing care home, the design navigates the delicate balance between contemporary care requirements and

Conservation Area sensitivities. The building responds sympathetically to surrounding Victorian and Edwardian houses while maintaining its identity as a purpose-built care facility within its mature landscape setting.

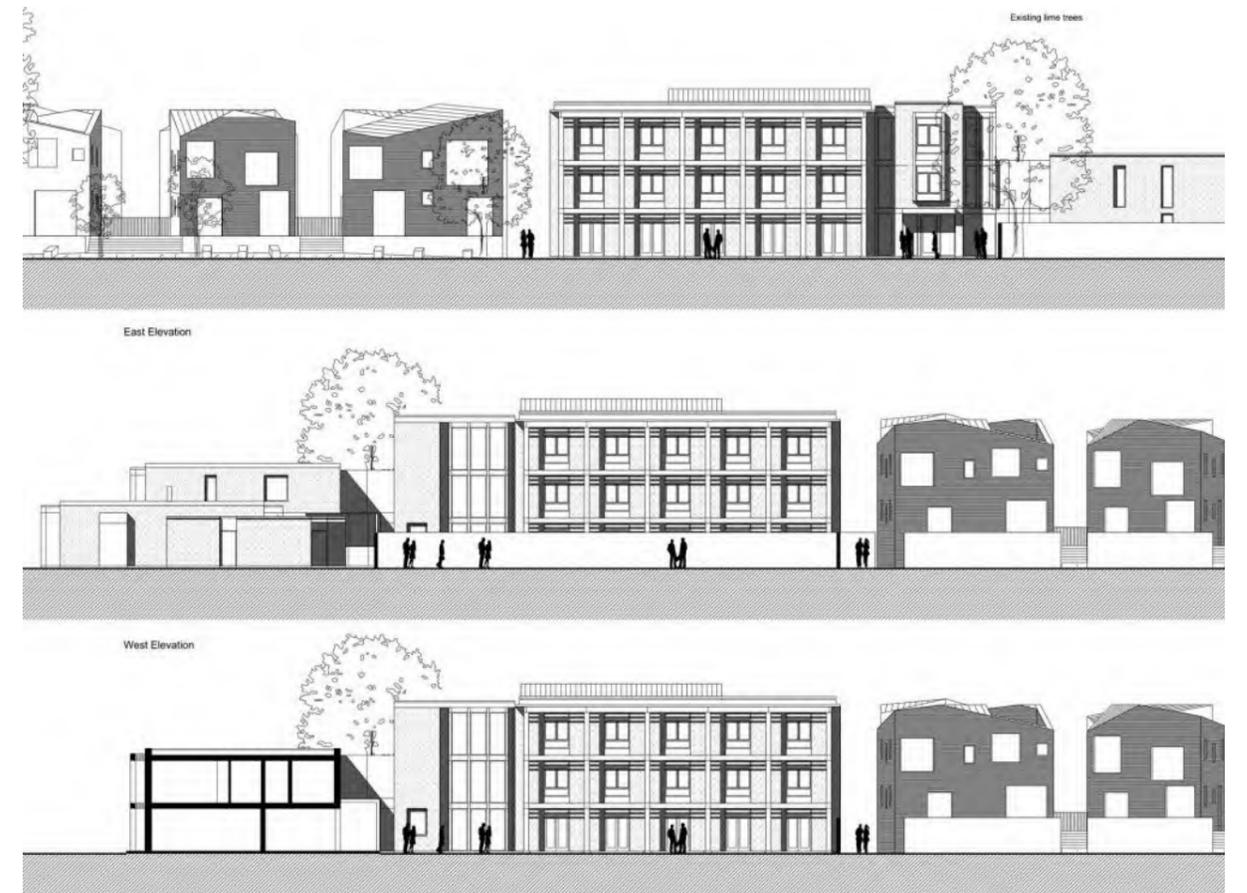
Environmental performance drives key design decisions throughout. High insulation levels combine with a mini Combined Heat and Power plant to create energy-efficient environments that reduce operational costs while maintaining optimal comfort. Sedum roofs contribute to biodiversity and water management while presenting attractive green landscapes to neighbouring properties.

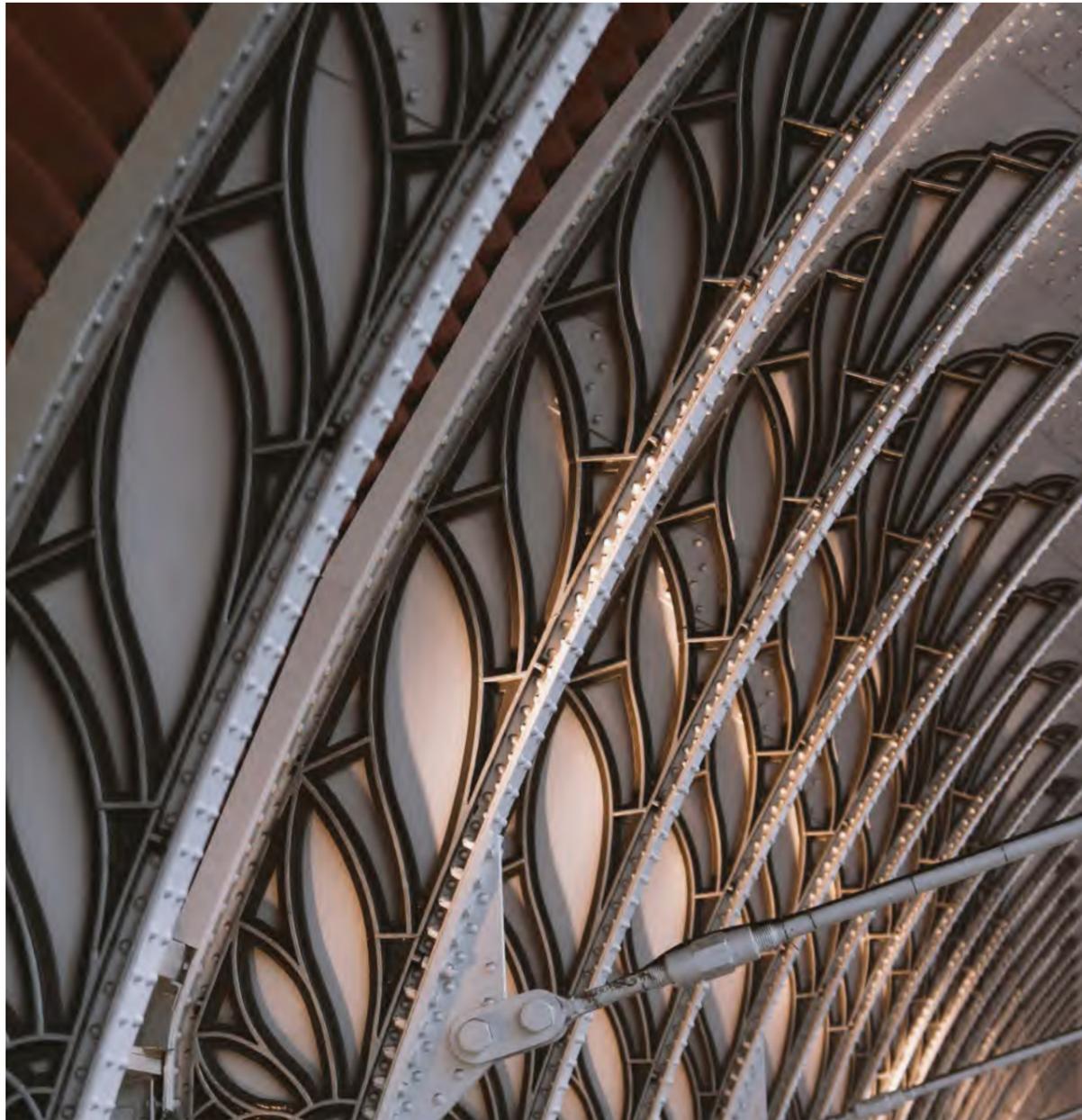
The 'dry' construction system, built around a simple flat slab concrete frame, demonstrates how sustainable building practices align with practical project delivery. This approach minimised wet trades on site, enabling fast construction that reduced disruption to existing care home operations.

Extensive communal spaces and therapeutic gardens recognise that quality of life extends far beyond individual accommodation. The mature landscape setting provides residents with direct access to nature and seasonal change, while a separate Manager's house ensures appropriate professional oversight.

The building's structural approach prioritises future adaptability. The flat slab frame provides flexibility to reconfigure spaces as requirements change, while the dry construction envelope allows modification without major operational disruption.

Fairfield exemplifies our approach to care architecture—creating environments that support dignified aging while contributing positively to historic neighbourhoods. The project balances contemporary care standards with contextual sensitivity, demonstrating that modern facilities can enhance rather than compromise Conservation Area character.





Railway architecture represents one of the most profound intersections between engineering ambition and architectural poetry. These spaces are more than transit hubs—they are the gateways to journeys, the keepers of industrial heritage, and the stages upon which countless human stories unfold daily.

Oxford Architects has established a distinguished reputation in transport architecture, working with leading clients including Network Rail, First Great Western, First Group, and specialist operators to preserve, restore, and modernise critical infrastructure. Our approach recognises that railway buildings occupy a unique place in the architectural landscape, where Victorian grandeur meets contemporary functionality, and where heritage preservation must seamlessly integrate with modern operational demands.

From the intricate restoration of heritage stations that echo with the romance of steam travel to the comprehensive modernisation of major urban interchanges, our work spans the full spectrum of railway architecture. Whether safeguarding Grade I-listed masterpieces or delivering contemporary facilities that serve millions of passengers annually, we understand that successful transport architecture must honor its past while embracing the future.

Our expertise encompasses everything from intimate heritage stations where history lingers in cast iron and timber, to major metropolitan

terminals where soaring spans of glass and steel frame the constant movement of modern life. Each project requires deep understanding of operational requirements, heritage sensitivities, passenger experience, and the complex technical systems that keep our railways moving.

Railway architecture demands architects who appreciate both its industrial heritage and its contemporary role as critical infrastructure. At Oxford Architects, we approach each transport project as an opportunity to weave together functionality and beauty, ensuring that these vital spaces continue to inspire wonder while serving the practical needs of modern travel.



## *Bridgnorth Station*

Set within the Bridgnorth Conservation Area and overlooked by Pan Pudding Hill scheduled ancient monument, Bridgnorth Station represents one of Britain's most significant heritage railway sites. For decades, the Grade II listed 1862 terminus had been compromised by a temporary Portacabin refreshment facility that detracted from its dignified setting.

We collaborated with the Severn Valley Railway and designer Robert Marrows to deliver a new station building that exemplifies sensitive heritage intervention. The design draws authentically from Great Western Railway vernacular of 1910, creating an

ancillary structure that remains subservient to the main listed building while providing essential facilities. Every detail demonstrates meticulous attention to period authenticity, from historically accurate brickwork to traditional joinery.

Despite technical challenges including construction on a steep railway embankment, the project delivered outstanding craftsmanship that earned shortlisting in the 2019 Brick Awards. The result enhances rather than compromises the station's heritage significance, ensuring Bridgnorth continues to provide an authentic Victorian railway experience.

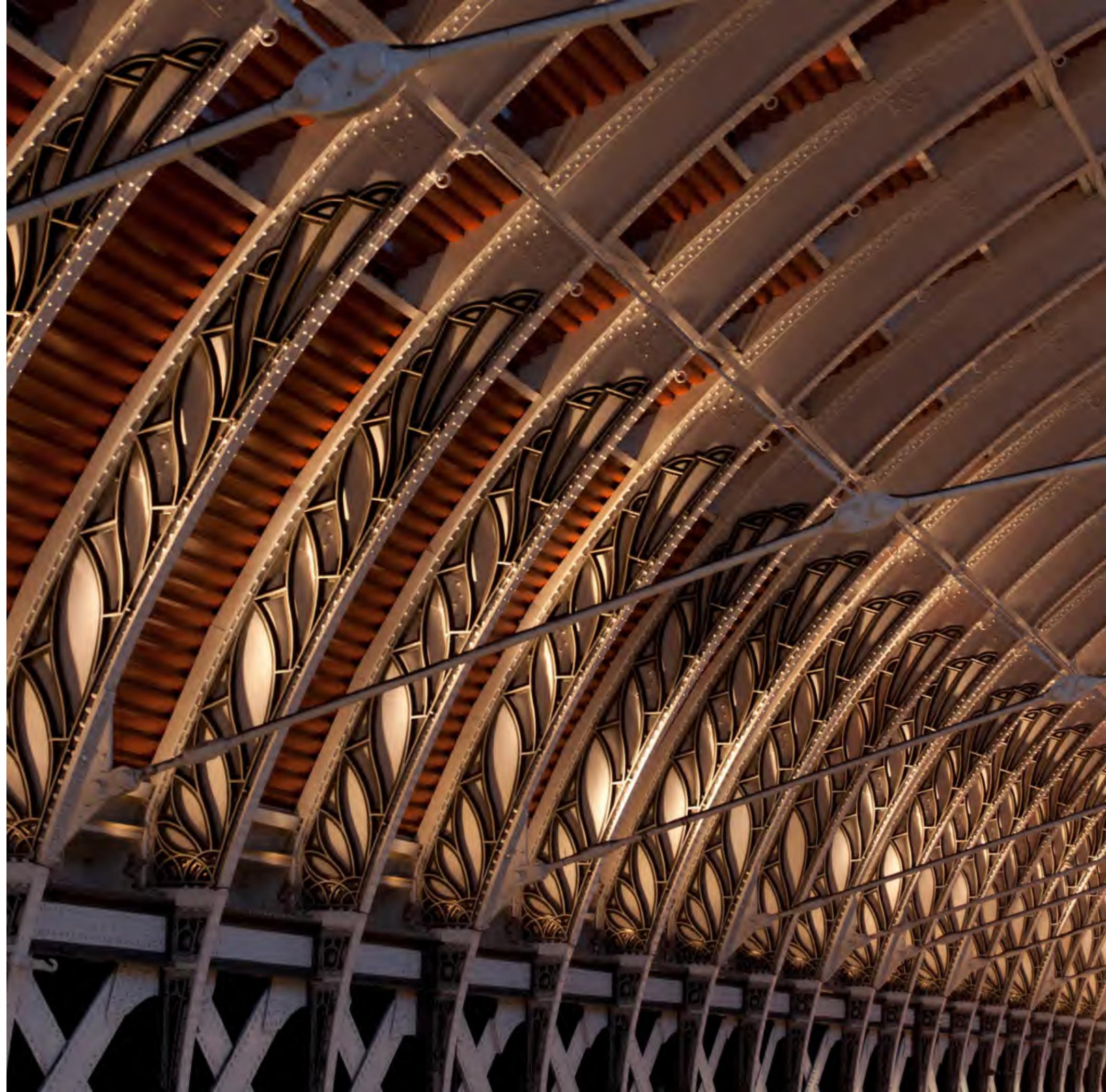


## *Paddington Spans*

London Paddington Station stands as one of Britain's most magnificent railway cathedrals, where Brunel's soaring cast-iron and glass spans create a masterpiece of Victorian engineering. For Network Rail's ambitious £69 million restoration programme, Oxford Architects provided architectural design and heritage consultancy, working alongside WSP to breathe new life into this Grade I listed icon.

The project's centrepiece involved restoring Span 4 and its parcels deck, which had been hidden from public view since the mid-1990s beneath protective coverings. Our work encompassed comprehensive refurbishment to accommodate modern mainline station requirements while preserving the structure's historic integrity. Across Spans 1, 2 and 3, we delivered new lighting schemes, roof glazing replacement, and complete redecoration that honours the building's architectural grandeur.

The complexity of integrating contemporary services within a Grade I listed structure required meticulous coordination with Westminster City Council and English Heritage. Our approach balanced heritage sensitivity with operational necessity, ensuring that essential modern infrastructure enhances rather than compromises Brunel's vision. The project earned recognition as a finalist in the British Construction Industry Civil Engineering Project of the Year Awards 2012, acknowledging the exceptional collaboration between heritage preservation and modern engineering excellence.





Cities are not static entities; they evolve, shift, and grow, shaped by the architecture that rises within them. Streets and squares become theatres of commerce, where office buildings frame ambition and industry, influencing not just those who work within them but the wider urban fabric. At Oxford Architects, we have spent over 60 years engaged in this transformation, designing workplaces that do more than house businesses—they define identity, inspire collaboration, and contribute to the very essence of our towns and cities.

An office is never just an office. It is a manifestation of an organisation's values and aspirations, a place where ideas are shaped, where industries grow, where futures are forged. Our work spans a broad spectrum, from bespoke headquarters and speculative office developments to masterplanned commercial districts. We understand that successful commercial spaces must be dynamic, flexible, and future-proofed, capable of adapting to the evolving needs of both businesses and the people who inhabit them.

Our portfolio reflects this depth of experience. We have worked with notable clients such as The University of Bristol, the European Space Agency, and Ofsted, designing spaces that reflect their distinct missions and operational needs. Whether creating high-performance office environments for cutting-edge research and development, facilities for regulatory bodies, or academic workplaces that foster collaboration and

innovation, we tailor each design to the unique culture and objectives of our clients.

Across the UK, our projects range from small-scale B1 starter units to multi-storey corporate headquarters and expansive business parks. Our approach is informed by the latest industry standards, working closely with organisations such as the BCO and BREEAM to ensure our designs meet the highest benchmarks for sustainability, efficiency, and workplace wellbeing. Yet beyond the technical, we recognise that an office must also inspire, engage, and support the people who use it daily. Through careful planning, material selection, and an emphasis on natural light, we create environments that foster productivity and enhance the experience of work.

Sustainability is at the heart of our philosophy. While advanced technologies play a key role in minimising energy use, we believe that the most profound impact often comes from the simplest interventions—material choice, orientation, passive ventilation strategies—which shape a building's long-term efficiency and adaptability. Our approach is one of holistic sustainability, where design and performance are seamlessly integrated to benefit both the environment and the end user.

As an architectural practice, we take great pride in contributing to this ongoing transformation, crafting workplaces where commerce meets culture, where ambition meets legacy.



## 31 Great George Street

Converting 3,600m<sup>2</sup> of Grade A office space to accommodate 360 staff from multiple University of Bristol departments required balancing standardised efficiency with departmental nuances—all within an exceptionally tight eight-week design programme. The scale of the project demanded rigorous coordination between multiple user groups while maintaining design quality throughout accelerated delivery.

Early end-user consultation established common requirements—meeting rooms, conference facilities, AV support, and flexible workstations—while addressing subtle operational differences between departments. Our response prioritised openness and adaptability, positioning tea points within the

open floor plate rather than behind closed doors to create informal gathering spaces that foster spontaneous cross-departmental interaction.

We were appointed by the University to deliver RIBA Stages 0–4. The primary technical challenge involved modifying the landlord’s mechanical and electrical infrastructure to meet demanding layout requirements.

The completed offices overlooking Brandon Hill demonstrate how thoughtful space planning and high-quality finishes can deliver exceptional workplace environments within compressed timeframes, creating prestigious offices that serve the University’s diverse departmental needs.

## Uber Digital

Uber, a leading international digital creative agency, commissioned Oxford Architects to transform their London office within a converted Edwardian warehouse. The design centred on creating a dramatic double-height reception by opening the floor between levels, exposing original finishes and introducing a striking industrial staircase that links the two floors. This bold intervention set the tone for a contemporary workplace that reflects the

creative dynamism of the business, while the remainder of the office was opened up to allow flexibility for future growth. Sustainable materials were specified throughout, meeting the client’s environmental commitments and aligning with the project’s contemporary industrial aesthetic.





Our science and technology sector spans a wide range of building types, from industrial-style facilities like high-tech printing presses and distribution centres to specialised clean rooms, high-capacity data centres, and laboratories. These buildings fulfil a critical technical role within organisations and must be designed to meet specific client requirements. As an award-winning practice, Oxford Architects has delivered successful projects across the UK, collaborating with experts in design standards, including BREEAM, to ensure our clients receive the most innovative solutions and expert advice.

The success of science and technology buildings relies on a deep understanding of their complex functions and the flow of data, products, and information. These buildings often have exacting standards that must be defined early in the briefing process, ensuring that all team members, including service engineers, are aligned. Oxford Architects takes a collaborative approach, engaging all disciplines and stakeholders to ensure project success. This approach adds value, reduces waste, and ensures that critical elements are addressed, particularly when liaising between clients, design teams, and equipment suppliers.

Given the ever-evolving nature of science and technology, it's essential that buildings are designed with flexibility in mind, ensuring their continued utility long after completion. We focus on future-proofing structural

elements, such as ensuring floor slabs can accommodate future loads, and creating adaptable spaces within a fixed structural grid. The use of BIM technologies further enables future modifications to services and equipment, enhancing long-term adaptability.

Oxford Architects has an extensive and impressive portfolio in the science and technology sector, having worked across both private and public sectors. We have built strong expertise in delivering projects that align with our clients' evolving needs, including increasing demand for sustainable design solutions. We are well-versed in a range of procurement methods, ensuring that the selection of the right approach maximises value, maintains control, and reduces risk.

Our clients include notable organisations such as Rutherford Appleton Laboratories, the European Space Agency, ScienceCreates, and The University of Oxford. Through our strong track record and professional approach, we continue to deliver projects that meet both immediate needs and future demands.

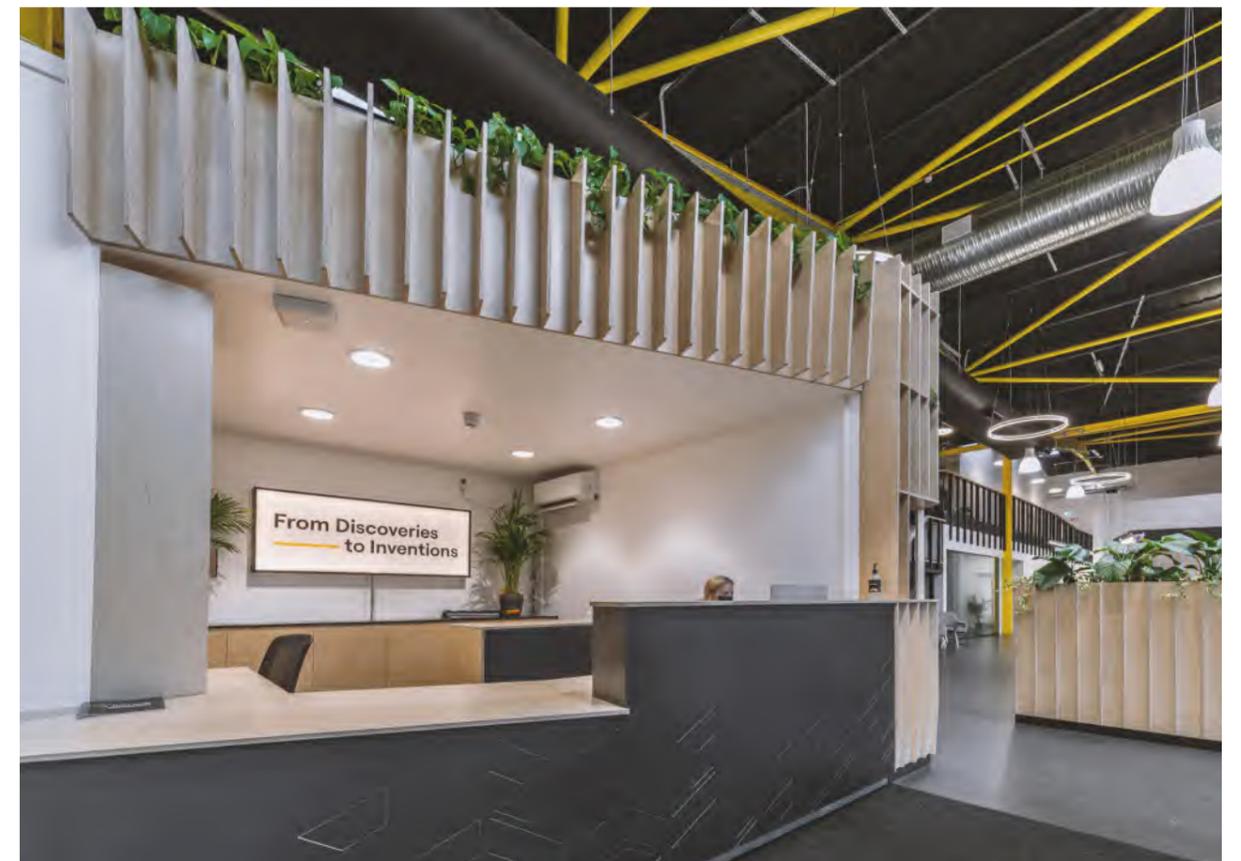
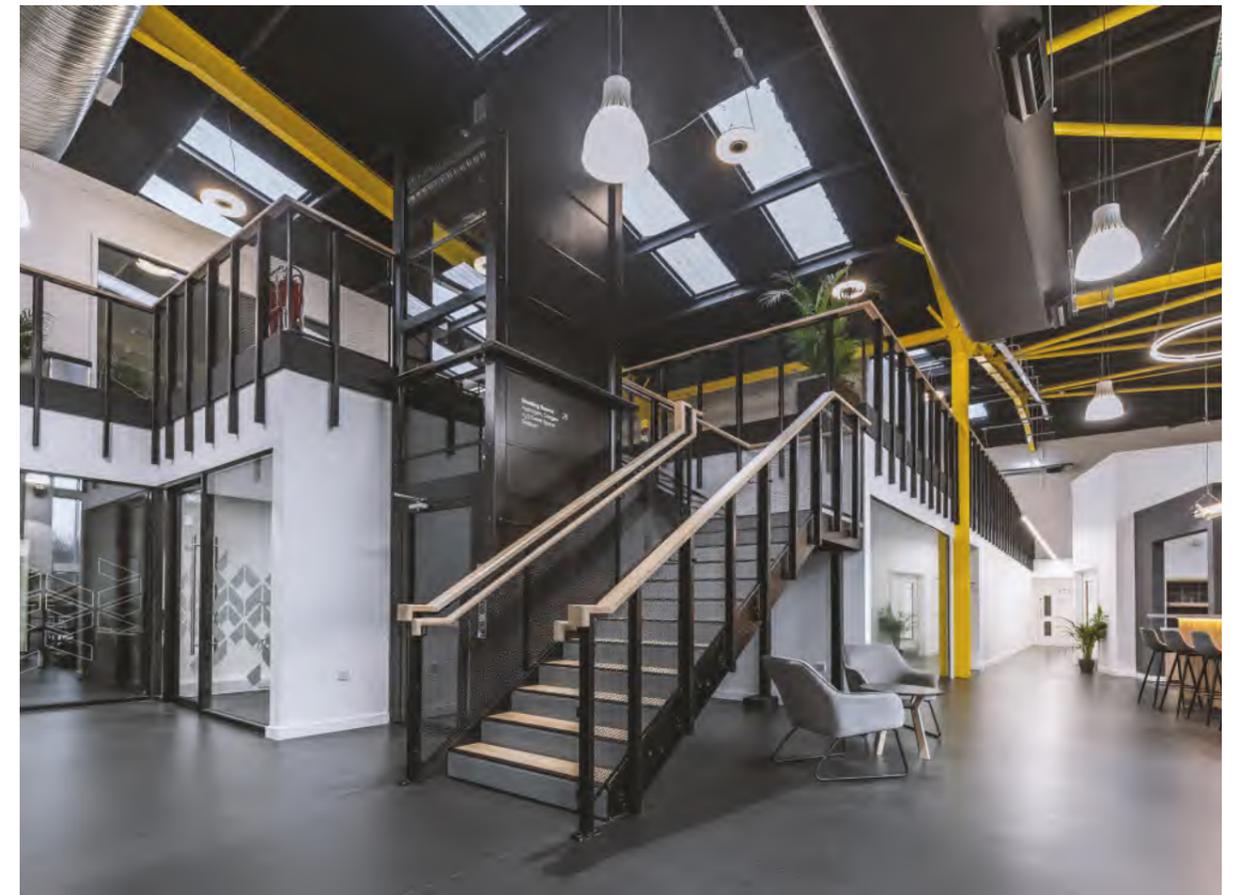


Construction Excellence SW  
Innovation Awards Winner

## Unit DY

The project was for the conversion of an existing industrial unit into a new incubator which includes R&D laboratories, office spaces, event and breakout spaces for ScienceCreates. The project provides a total of 30,000 sq ft, designed to create a supportive environment for creative scientific ventures.

The laboratories and offices are organised around a central atrium which contains the foyer, a flexible events space, break out spaces and a bar. The event space is located on a mezzanine which overlooks the double-height foyer. The 15 laboratories are able to accommodate CL2 activities and are connected to their respective offices. The entire facility is mechanically ventilated from an upper service deck.





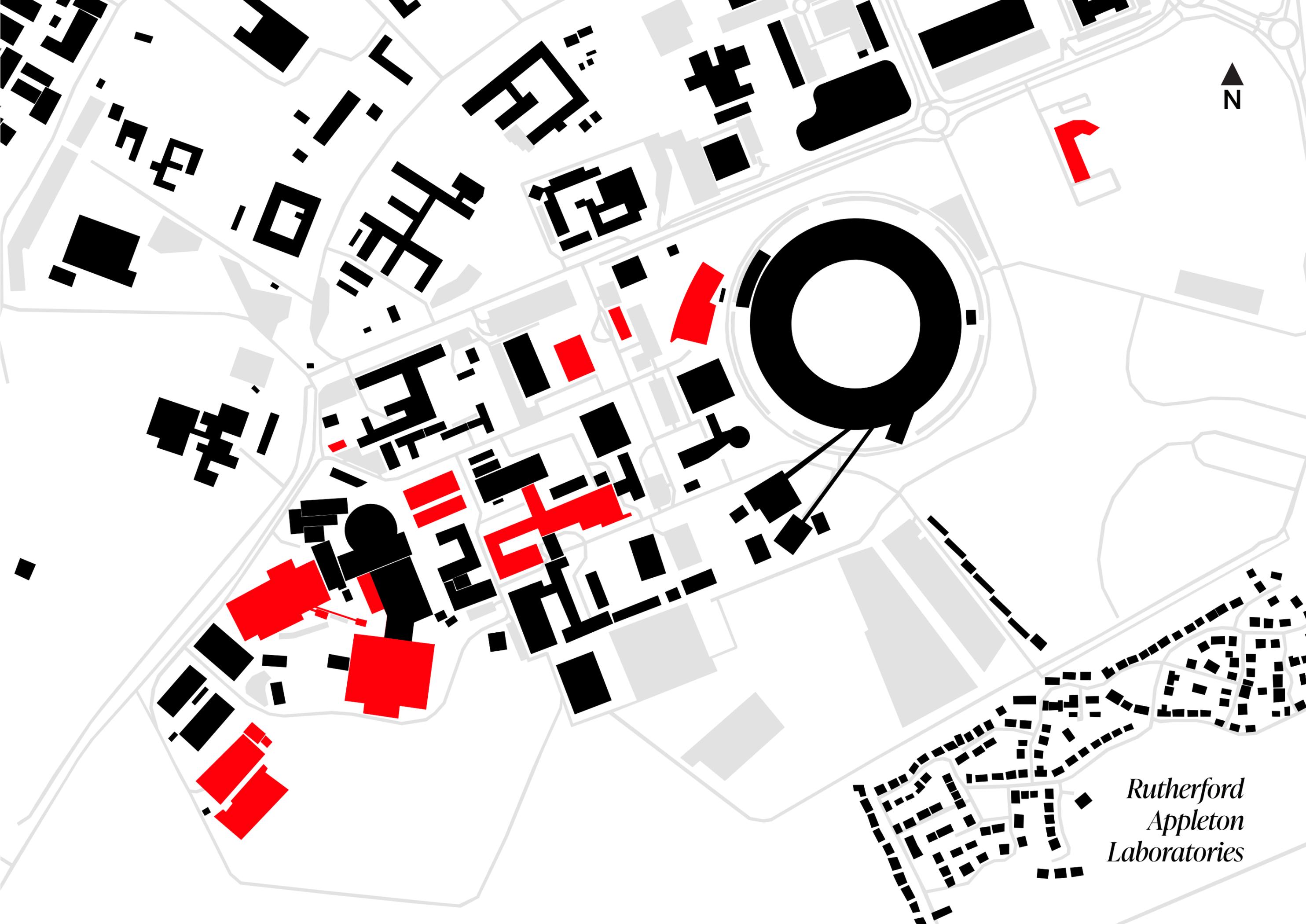
## *European Space Agency Headquarters*

Oxford Architects provided detailed design and construction inspection services to the Design and Build Contractor, Bouygues UK, for the striking new UK headquarters of the European Space Agency.

Located in the heart of the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus, Oxfordshire, the 4,400 sqm ECSAT Building (European Centre for Space Applications and Telecommunications) accommodation includes office space, meeting and conference rooms, cafeteria

and common rooms, with specialist areas for exhibitions, video conferencing and gymnasium. The building has been designed to be highly energy efficient. Sustainable features include a natural ventilation and cooling strategy, low 'E' triple glazing, active solar shading, ground source heat pumps, green roof, water efficient landscaping, SUDS (Sustainable urban drainage systems), active thermal massing and energy efficient lighting & control systems.



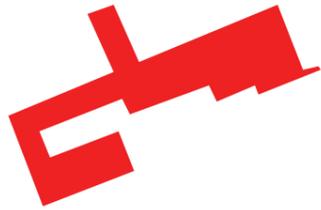


*Rutherford  
Appleton  
Laboratories*



## R80

We designed and delivered a phased two-storey extension to Building R80 for the IMAT neutron imaging facility at ISIS. The 415 sqm steel-framed building houses experimental equipment, plant rooms, and a new entrance lobby, fully integrated with the existing operational building. The project included M&E services, overhead crane coverage, and careful coordination to minimise disruption. Phase 2 added a mezzanine floor and office spaces following equipment installation.



## R1

We led the phased refurbishment of Building R1, ensuring that the building remained fully occupied throughout, including active laser laboratories, requiring careful coordination and planning. Works included 5,700 sqm of internal refurbishment and complete re-cladding to improve both environmental performance and visual appearance. Designed in close collaboration with user groups, we upgraded the building to reflect the standing of a world-leading research institution.



## R105 / R106

Oxford Architects delivered a dual-purpose research support facility, carefully integrated into the landscape to reduce visual impact. It features two 70 x 35m clear-span halls for testing and handling, full crane coverage, and a three-storey office. Designed to BREEAM 'Very Good' with natural light maximised through roof and wall glazing. This project supports cutting-edge scientific research in a sensitive rural setting.



## R75

A high-tech reception, office and control building that sets the tone for a leading science and research campus. Its minimalist design responds to the simplicity of existing structures, while metal cladding and glazing convey a contemporary character. From the double-height entrance and reception, the building steps down to single storey above the administration areas, with the security suite prominently located beneath the entrance canopy.



## R92

We designed a 2-storey extension to the Research Complex at Harwell, a national science resource supporting over 180 permanent and 500 visiting researchers annually. The 280sqm addition provides flexible open-plan laboratory space on the upper floor, with a ground floor 'shell & core' area for future conversion. Metal cladding, extensive glazing, and brise soleil for shading, maximise the sunlight and enhance the visual connectivity to the adjacent laboratories.



## R89

We designed a 3,600sqm facility on the RAL science campus for data curation services and 150 staff. The ground floor houses a secure computer hall for data storage within a robust concrete structure with controlled access. Above, two floors of offices surround a central atrium that enables natural ventilation, creating a low-energy working environment. The building features a barrel-vaulted roof and terracotta cladding, reflecting its prominent location at the campus entrance.



## R4

We refurbished and extended the 1960s R4 crane hall, creating modern office and workshop spaces by adding floors and raising the roof, while retaining critical plant areas for the R5 Synchrotron. The project successfully maintained live plant equipment throughout construction. To maximise natural light in challenging conditions, a central atrium was introduced, providing a bright and welcoming focal point. Fire-rated windows connect office and plant areas, fostering collaboration between office staff.



## R3

A contemporary new entrance, reception, multifaith room, and office spaces for the ISIS research facility at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Designed to improve both public presence and internal function, the scheme introduces natural light, flexible office layouts, and modern finishes throughout. The copper-toned zinc cladding complements the existing building while signalling a fresh identity for one of the UK's leading science hubs.



With over 30 years of experience in the healthcare sector, Oxford Architects has a proven track record in delivering projects that address complex briefs with innovative solutions, creating environments conducive to healing. Our portfolio spans both the Acute and Mental Health sectors, including specialised care environments for conditions such as dementia and brain injury. We understand that the design of healthcare spaces is crucial to reducing patient stress, preparing them for treatment, and ensuring the best outcomes for both patients and staff. Each project presents unique technical challenges, and we aim to provide staff with an environment that supports their work and fosters staff retention.

Across all of our healthcare projects, collaboration is key. By bringing together all disciplines and stakeholders from the outset, we ensure that each project is tailored to meet the specific needs of the healthcare provider and the patients it serves. One such example is the reconfiguration of the Paediatric A&E department at Hillingdon Hospital, where we added treatment space and enhanced the patient environment with separate cubicles, natural light, and artwork, alongside technical improvements like bedhead services and a new resus room. This has created a more flexible, peaceful, and comfortable space for patients, families, and staff alike.

In a fast-track A&E project at Horton General Hospital, we worked alongside Beard

Construction to create new Majors Bays while ensuring the separation of adult and paediatric areas. Completed in just three months, we used Revit and ADB software to effectively capture the design brief and present it in both 2D and 3D, coordinating closely with the client and clinical teams to keep the busy department operational during construction.

We also designed an ambulatory care space to reduce pressure on A&E departments by offering direct patient referrals. This included a new shared workspace for junior doctors and treatment areas equipped with modern bedhead services. Throughout the department, we focused on meeting current standards, including new hand-wash basins and clean storage facilities, while incorporating calming elements such as artwork and profiled seating to create a restful atmosphere.

Oxford Architects continues to work on a wide range of healthcare projects, always focused on improving the patient experience and supporting healthcare professionals with well-designed, functional, and flexible environments.

## *Broadmoor Hospital*

Oxford Architects have played a central role in the delivery of a new £250 million high secure psychiatric hospital for West London NHS Trust. The scheme, which provides 234 beds and replaces an outdated Victorian facility, began at inception in 2009 and reached completion in 2019 when the Trust took possession of five new hospital buildings.

Building on earlier experience with the Paddock Centre, a 70-bed ward completed in 2005, Oxford Architects worked closely with clinicians, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, estates, security staff and service heads to shape the brief for the wider campus. Through extensive stakeholder engagement and site visits to comparable facilities, the concept of a series of buildings arranged around gardens emerged, offering both security and a humanising environment for patients and staff.

Our role extended from early briefing and concept design through to RIBA Stage E+, encompassing the Entrance and Central Buildings, ward blocks, perimeter security and secure landscaped spaces. These facilities house administration, therapy, recreation, retail, faith and visitor areas, creating a coherent environment that balances care, safety and dignity.

During construction we provided full design services and, when employed by Kier, undertook technical review of specialist design outputs, liaised with the Trust and ensured the discharge of planning conditions. The use of BIM supported the delivery of this highly complex project, which was procured through P21+ and included enabling works, infrastructure and support facilities.

The result is a large-scale, phased development that combines robust security with sustainable design, natural ventilation and a therapeutic focus — a significant step forward in modern mental healthcare provision.





## *William Wake House*

As one of the UK's leading independent healthcare providers, St Andrew's Healthcare appointed Oxford Architects to design and deliver a flagship building on their historic Northampton campus, working alongside the façade architect.

Set in historic parkland, the 19,650sqm 4-storey neo-classical building design responds to the client's aspirations and its context within the campus. Accommodating up to 132 patients across 8 wards, all patients are provided with single bedrooms complete with en-suite facilities. Each self-contained ward provides a mixture of dayrooms, a dining room, therapy rooms, seclusion/ de-escalation facilities, a nurse base along with ancillary accommodation and an external courtyard. The central reception leads to child visits, tribunal and various support and therapy facilities that includes amongst

others-workshops, library, swimming pool, multi-faith room, hairdresser, medical suite, property stores, and a caf  teria.

There is a strong emphasis on linking the patients with the outside world, both for orientation within the building and to minimise the possibility of an enclosed, custodial feel to the accommodation. Where possible, the building forms the secure perimeter to remove the need for enclosing walls and fences.

The central courtyard is the green heart of the scheme, providing patients with a therapeutic space where they can directly experience the outside world from within the safe environment of the facility.

Orientation and way finding is achieved within the building with the use of feature walls and artwork.

## *St Luke's Hospital*

Working within a live environment, Oxford Architect designed a new 2nd floor to be built over the existing building.

Utilising a new steel frame structure, the new second floor spans over the top of the existing care home. On a constrained site a living wall is incorporated into the main entrance to create a new focal point and enhance the greenery within the grounds. The existing entrance has also been upgraded and has been re-orientated to face the main road, enhancing its presence on the street scene. The new second

floor elements wrap the original building and are clad in crisp metal panels with pop-out windows flush with the fa  ade.

A garden room has been provided on the second floor which opens to the outside providing access to fresh air for residents who might not otherwise be able to benefit from the existing garden. On the ground floor the new reception area has a bespoke desk that echoes the shapes of the new extension with a smaller version forming the new nurse base on the second floor.



## *Hillingdon Hospital: Robot Dispensary*

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT approached Oxford Architects early in 2016 with an outline brief for a new dispensary with a pharmacy reception counter and patient waiting area. The facility would allow out-patients attending the hospital to get their prescriptions on the same day without booking a separate GP appointment and it had to be operational at the start of October 2016.

The site, in an under-used storage area at lower ground floor level, was secured in March 2016 and design work began giving just 6 months for design, tender, construction and handover.

Central to the requirements was a state of the art robotic dispensary supplied by a specialist. The design and construction programme allowed for the contractor to strip and refurbish the space, for the specialist to install the robot and the contractor to return and finish the interior.

The pharmacy reception counter incorporates acoustic panels, glazed screens and a small booth for confidential consultation. The interior design, from the nearby lift area and into the patient waiting area, uses colour, furniture and artwork to coordinate with the Trust's wayfinding strategy.



Beyond sector expertise, Oxford Architects offers specialist capabilities that underpin successful project delivery across all our work. These disciplines—Principal Design, Heritage & Conservation, Sustainability, and Masterplanning—represent core competencies that inform our approach regardless of building type or scale.

Our specialist services provide the technical rigour, regulatory compliance, and strategic thinking essential for complex architectural projects. Whether navigating CDM regulations, working within sensitive historic contexts, integrating advanced environmental performance, or shaping development at campus or neighbourhood scale, these capabilities ensure we deliver architecture that meets the highest standards of design quality and technical excellence.

We apply these services flexibly according to project requirements. A heritage refurbishment may draw primarily on our conservation expertise whilst still integrating sustainable technologies. A new-build development might require masterplanning capability alongside Principal Designer coordination. This integrated approach ensures every project benefits from the depth of knowledge appropriate to its specific challenges and ambitions.



## Principal Design

Ensures clear accountability and coordinated health and safety management throughout the design process, managing CDM compliance whilst enabling design ambition.



## Heritage & Conservation

Enables us to work sensitively within historic contexts, balancing preservation with contemporary needs whilst honouring architectural significance.



## Sustainability

Drives our design thinking from project inception, integrating fabric-first approaches and renewable technologies to create energy-efficient, environmentally responsible buildings.



## Masterplanning

Capability allows us to shape cohesive environments at campus and neighbourhood scale, creating strategic frameworks that guide phased development.

## Principal Design



The Principal Designer role under CDM 2015 regulations ensures clear accountability and coordinated health and safety management throughout the pre-construction phase. As Principal Designers, we plan, manage, and monitor design coordination from project inception through to construction commencement, integrating health and safety considerations whilst enabling design ambition. This coordination is particularly critical on complex projects where multiple design teams, contractors, and specialist consultants must work seamlessly together.

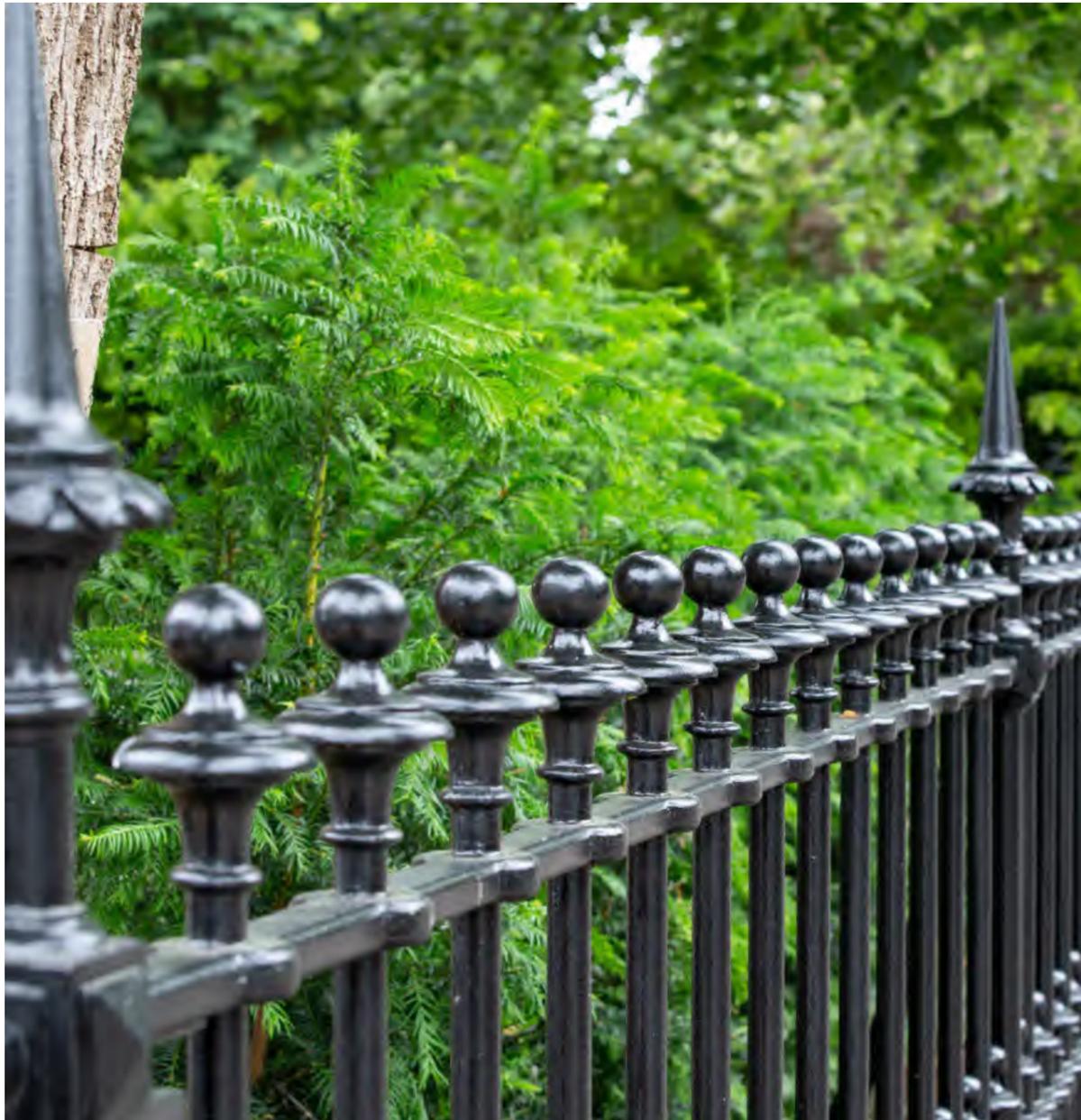
We have been appointed as Principal Designer on complex, high-value projects including the RAAC replacement at St Catherine's College and the £55 million Gradel Quadrangles scheme at New College for the University of Oxford. At New College, we coordinated services across three distinct phases—enabling works with temporary accommodation and demolition, groundworks, and main construction—managing information flow between different Principal Contractors, design teams, and archaeological works whilst ensuring CDM 2015 compliance throughout.

The service encompasses comprehensive pre-construction phase management. We ensure clients understand their duties, assist in identifying and preparing pre-construction information, and obtain and collate relevant documentation. We supply this information to designers, Principal Contractors, and contractors whilst ensuring designers comply

with their duties and cooperate effectively. We maintain liaison with Principal Contractors throughout our appointment and manage preparation of the Health and Safety File.

Internal audits ensure CDM policy and procedures are actively implemented by designers at appropriate project stages. This systematic approach ensures health and safety coordination integrates seamlessly with design development rather than operating as a separate compliance exercise. Members of our team hold specialist qualifications in CDM regulations, with Incorporated Membership of The Association of Project Safety, demonstrating our commitment to professional expertise in construction health and safety coordination.

This capability enables us to provide single-point coordination on complex projects, reducing client risk whilst maintaining design quality. Whether working as both architect and Principal Designer or providing Principal Designer services for schemes designed by others, we bring rigorous oversight that protects all parties whilst enabling successful project delivery.



Historic and listed buildings represent irreplaceable cultural assets, embodying centuries of craftsmanship, architectural evolution, and social history. Their fabric tells stories that connect us to the past whilst shaping our built environment today. Preserving these buildings requires not just technical expertise but genuine understanding of their significance and the responsibility inherent in their stewardship.

Working with historic and listed buildings requires profound understanding of their complexities, fabric, and significance. Our conservation-led approach prioritises careful intervention, balancing preservation of architectural heritage with the practical requirements of contemporary use.

We bring extensive experience across all listing grades and conservation area contexts, from subtle repairs to transformative reuse projects. This depth of knowledge enables us to navigate the intricate balance between respecting historic fabric and meeting modern performance standards, ensuring our clients achieve viable solutions that satisfy both conservation principles and functional needs.

Our approach integrates sustainable technologies where appropriate, carefully selecting breathable, recyclable materials and low-energy systems that enhance building performance without compromising historic integrity. We understand that successful conservation must address long-term

environmental performance alongside architectural authenticity.

Whether undertaking sensitive repairs to Grade I listed structures or reimagining historic buildings for new uses, we approach each project with the rigour, sensitivity, and technical expertise that complex heritage architecture demands.



Sustainable design drives our architectural thinking from project inception, shaping decisions about materials, energy performance, and long-term building operation. We understand that architecture’s environmental impact extends beyond construction—our buildings must perform efficiently throughout their lifetime whilst minimising carbon footprint and resource consumption.

Our portfolio demonstrates commitment to environmental excellence across diverse project types. We have delivered numerous decarbonisation projects, sustainable low-energy homes, and schemes specifically designed to reduce operational carbon emissions. Our work includes BREEAM Excellent projects such as the European Space Agency Headquarters, proving that environmental performance and architectural quality are mutually reinforcing rather than competing priorities.

We prioritise sustainable materials throughout our specifications, selecting products based on embodied carbon, recyclability, and lifecycle performance. Our designs regularly incorporate photovoltaic panels, air source heat pumps, rainwater harvesting, and greywater systems—integrating renewable technologies seamlessly within architectural concepts rather than treating them as afterthoughts.

Where appropriate, we champion retrofit and reuse strategies, helping clients optimise existing buildings to meet contemporary

environmental standards. This approach recognises that the most sustainable building is often the one already standing, provided it can be adapted effectively to reduce energy consumption and extend its useful life.

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond our architectural output. We have maintained ISO 14001 accreditation since 2010, demonstrating long-standing environmental responsibility across our business operations. As part of our race-to-zero initiative, we are committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions across our practice by 2040—ensuring our internal operations align with the environmental standards we advocate for our clients.

We believe sustainable architecture must address social sustainability alongside environmental performance. Our projects aim to create meaningful public benefit, improve accessibility, support community use, and revitalise underused spaces. We recognise that buildings contributing to wellbeing, inclusion, and civic identity represent architecture’s greatest social value.

This holistic approach to sustainability—environmental, social, and operational—underpins every project we undertake, ensuring we deliver architecture that is not only technically rigorous but ethically responsible and socially relevant for generations to come.



Masterplanning provides the strategic framework that guides development beyond individual buildings, shaping cohesive environments at campus, neighbourhood, and district scale. A well-conceived masterplan unlocks a site's potential, establishing clear vision whilst accommodating future growth, phased delivery, and changing needs over time.

Our masterplanning approach begins with understanding context—anchoring proposals within their immediate surroundings and wider landscape. We analyse existing infrastructure, connectivity, ecology, and community character to establish opportunities and constraints that inform strategic decisions. This contextual foundation ensures development enhances rather than compromises its setting.

Stakeholder engagement sits at the heart of our masterplanning process. Through community involvement, focus groups, design workshops, and public presentations, we build collective vision that reflects diverse needs and aspirations. This collaborative approach generates investment confidence, secures planning support, and creates development frameworks that communities embrace rather than resist.

We deliver comprehensive masterplanning services from initial feasibility through to detailed design guidance, providing strategic thinking combined with awareness of cultural,

social, regulatory, and technical constraints. Our work addresses land use, population density, accommodation types, facilities provision, transportation strategy, economic viability, and environmental impact—ensuring all aspects work together coherently.

Each masterplan responds to site-specific strengths and weaknesses, establishing phasing strategies that enable flexible implementation over short and long-term horizons. We develop options that consider growth potential, infrastructure requirements, environmental impact, transport connectivity, planning context, commercial viability, and quality of life for future occupants.

The result is strategic frameworks that transform spaces and neighbourhoods, establish identity, protect environmental assets, and create economically thriving communities. Our masterplans provide clear vision whilst remaining sufficiently flexible to adapt as circumstances evolve, ensuring development happens in line with overarching concepts that stand the test of time.

# Project Archive Gallery

Since 1962, Oxford Architects has delivered projects across diverse sectors, sites, and scales. This archive represents over six decades of work—from education and healthcare to residential, transport, and commercial design—reflecting the breadth of our expertise and the trust placed in us by clients across the UK and internationally.

Many client relationships span decades, with several extending beyond twenty years. This continuity reflects our commitment to collaboration, delivery, and the consistency we bring to every commission. Clients return because we design buildings that respond directly to purpose and context, favouring considered, tailored solutions over formulaic approaches.



**1963 - Abbey Hall**  
Abingdon-on-Thames



**1964 - Student Accommodation**  
Balliol College, Oxford



**1965 - CTCRM**  
Lympstone, Devon



**1973 - B. H. Blackwell Ltd Beaver House**  
Oxford



**1974 - Common Room**  
St John's College, Oxford



**1980 - Wildfowl Centre**  
Great Linford, Milton Keynes



**1986 - Music Room**  
Corpus Christi College, Oxford



**1988 - Delta 800**  
Delta Business Park, Swindon



**1990 - Margaret Thatcher Centre**  
Somerville College, Oxford



**1991 - Dining Hall**  
St Cross College, Oxford



**1995 - Wolfson College**  
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**2001 - NGM**  
Music & Arts Centre, Thornbury



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RAL, Oxfordshire



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